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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EINV, ETRD, SY
SUBJECT: ARAB BOYCOTT: GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION

REF: STATE 10369; DAMASCUS 583

1. AMBASSADOR RAISED WITH MINECONOMY IMADI APRIL 6 BOYCOTT PROBLEM RELATING TO GENERAL MOTORS AS DESCRIBED IN REFEELS. AT THE TIME, IMADI NOTED THAT LETTER TO LOCAL CHEVROLET AGENT (IMPORT-EXPORT TRADING CO.) REQUESTING DCOUMENTATION DESCRIBING AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS SHAREHOLDING IN GENERAL MOTORS CORP. CAME NOT FROM ARAB LEAGUE CENTRAL BOYCOTT OFFICE NOR FROM MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FOREIGN TRADE BUT FROM MINISTRY OF DEFENSE. MINECONOMY WAS NOT ON DISTRIBUTION AND HAD NOT BEEN INFORMED OF MINDEFENSE'S ENQUIRY.

2. IMADI TOLD EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICE APRIL 23 THAT HE HAD RAISED MATTER WITH DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL KOUDMANI OF THE ARAB LEAGUE CENTRAL BOYCOTT OFFICE (D/G MAHJOUB WAS OUT OF TOWN). ACCORDING TO IMADI, THE BOYTCOTT OFFICE RECOGNIZES THAT GM IS A PUBLICLY-OWNED COMAPNY AND

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ANYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BUY SHARES. THEREFORE, HE SAID, THE BOYCOTT OFFICIALS ARE PREPARED TO "IGNORE" (IMADI'S WORD) AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS' OWNERSHIP OF GM STOCK, AND THAT SUCH OWNERSHIP WOULD NOT BE SUFFICIENT CAUSE TO BOYCOTT GM PRODUCTS.

3. IMADI DID NOT RPT NOT COMMENT ON USG POSITION -- EXPLAINED BY AMBASSADOR IN EARLIER APRIL 6 MEETING -- THAT AMERICAN JEWISH

CONGRESS IS A RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATION AND THAT USG REGULATIONS
PROHIBIT US FIRMS FROM PROVIDING INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO
BOYCOTT-RELATED REQUESTS CONCERNING RELIGION OR TAKING ANY OTHER
ACTION WITH EFFECT OF DISCRIMINATING AGAINST US CITIZENS OR FIRMS
ON BASIS OF RELIGION.
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